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## BOOSTER TRIP SUCCESSFUL

The Booster trip will long be remembered; there were many things about it, in fact, that can never be forgotten.

We left at 8:30 Tuesday morning which was a little behind our schedule, but made good time and managed to reach the various stations at the appointed hour. There were 30 cases in all, carrying a burden of human freight of more than a hundred and twenty joyful souls. The trip had been carefully planned to the minor detail, and the cars were well equipped, carrying with them such repairs as might come handy in case of an emergency. Quite a crowd was present here at our departure, cheering and sending us forth with a good will toward all. We were all in the best of spirits, and were not far wrong in our anticipation of the trip.

But all that glitters is not gold. Not everything of course, was a pleasure on this trip, although we did attempt to make a pleasure out of everything, and kept a stiff upper lip, even when our pessimistic souls were aroused to the breaking point. In the first place, the day was hot, dry, parched. We were traveling southward most of the first day, and a strong wind came up from that direction—a hot wind it was, with blasting currents. The roads were very dry, and the dust was deep. Hour after hour we traveled in a continual dust-cloud. You can easily imagine the effect of this upon the soft, velvet-skinned laddies who for months and months had scarcely been away from office. Eyes blood-red, lips parched, we were dust-covered spectres along what then seemed to be a never-ending semi-arid expanse. (But this was "that other nature" speaking.)

Paradoxical as it may seem, after what we have just stated, the region is one of prosperity. Threshing is well under way, and although the yield is not near as heavy as that of last year, a great many acres were sown in that form which is made the staff of life, and the good farmers will receive considerable returns from this source. As the wheat is now bringing a good price, we passed many loads on their way to the various trading points. Owing to the fact that the farmers were very busy there were a great many who were unable to greet us at our various stops, but from the numbers present we feel quite safe in saying that all attended who possibly could, and along the route the workmen were never too busy to drop their various duties and greet us with pleasant wave of the hand or a jolly word of good-fellowship. At practically all the farmhouses along the road entire families would turn out to greet us and receive the various advertising matter thrown from our cars in passing.

Our course was along the line of the freighters, which forcibly reminded us of the pioneer days—the heavy-built, wide-tread freight wagons, piled high with wares, drawn with four to six strapping mules. The drivers are the same good fellows of the yesterdays; they coil their great whips over the heads of the toiling quadrupeds in the same ingenious way, the report of which is still the most authoritative way of speaking to those freight animals. A great many of the towns have to depend upon these freighters for their supplies, and the hardihood and perseverance of these men of the inland towns is worthy of mention.

Tyrone was the first stop. We remained there long enough to distribute our advertising matter, for the band to play, the bear to perform and for the clowns to cut their capers for the amusement of the children as well as the entire populace. The male quartet was also a winner, as were all our attractions, from start to finish. From Tyrone we headed for Hooker, where we had an hour's rest and time to satisfy our ravenous appetites. Leaving there we made short visits at Miller's store, Trimble's store, and several farm houses, arriving at Gray in time for supper. Gray, as well as all the other towns, knew of our coming, and

was well prepared to attend to our every want. At this place we were greeted by the largest crowd of any during our entire trip. Gray is a thriving little town, doing an enormous volume of business for a place of its size, and probably gives Liberal more of her business than any other of our neighboring towns. They had a large welcome banner strung across main street, as on our trip last year, and Harvey W. Hill, editor of the Republican, and T. W. Gray, owner of the Gray townsite, gave addresses of welcome. We made quite a stay at Gray, giving the usual entertainment, and shaking hands with the many good farmers and business men of that section. Mr. Gray pointed out that the country was badly in need of rain, but that they were of an optimistic nature and believed they would be able to continue their era of prosperity.

We arrived in Ochiltree about sunset. At this place some difficulty was experienced in getting accommodations for the night, but we were finally all lined up. A dance was given in the hall, and those who did not attend the show had a chance to shake their feet a little. We were pretty well worn out, but there was no sleep for us that eventful night. It seems that Lee Larrabee's bear hadn't furnished enough amusement for either him or several others of his fun-loving companions. It all happened at the hotel, and it was in the wee-small-hours of the night. Of course there were damages to pay—but for further information inquire of Secretary Broadwell or Charles Taylor. To look at the tar between their toes gives evidence to the fact that they have been reading the "Br'er Rabbit" story in some ancient school book.

Leaving Ochiltree the next morning at 8:30 we gave the usual exhibitions at Balko, and LaKemp, arriving at Beaver for dinner. Since our trip last year Beaver has a railroad, as was predicted, and many improvements are in evidence, as, indeed, is the case along the entire route. It is a prosperous region—that which undulates a hundred miles south of us. Many new residences are being constructed, as well as imposing brick edifices in the business section of the town. The farmers all along the course are making improvements with new barns, silos and the like, besides adding much new machinery to their general farming equipment. At Beaver we made the acquaintance of I. S. Drummond, a pioneer newspaper man of 31 summers; founder of many papers and long since retired from business because "an old head" ever opened our

eyes upon the dazzling things of this world. Mr. Drummond is a Kansan, and a founder of papers in several states.

Leaving Beaver we visited Forgan, another good business town that bears the mark of growing prosperity. At Floris the Boosters were given access to a barrel of ice-cold lemonade, which was highly appreciated by this time. We were homeward bound, and made but a short stop at Lorena, arriving in Liberal at 7 p. m. Glad to get back, of course, but returned with the feeling that the trip had been a success from almost any standpoint, and that it had resulted in much good both to the country over which we traveled, and to the town of Liberal. All the men became little boys again, and were out for the time of their lives. You may know a man in town—we are generally speaking—whom you have always thought to be a grouch, but he isn't—he's just a big-hearted, good-natured boy, anxiously awaiting the opportunity to give vent to his feelings, and show you that he loves the big old world just as it stands. If you don't believe it, you'd better go on the trip next year. You'll come back with a better feeling toward your family, your neighbor, your business man, the town in general, and incidentally, toward yourself. E. E. M.

## A BIG FARM SALE

In this issue you will find a big stock and machinery sale ad. for E. C. Pile, at his ranch northeast of Liberal. Mr. Pile has leased his ranch and intends to move to McPherson to live after the sale. This will be one of the biggest sales ever held in the county and it will pay you to look the ad. over carefully and attend the sale if you need anything in the way of horses, mules, cattle, hogs or machinery.

## MRS. CLARA J. DUNLAP DEAD

Mrs. Clara J. Dunlap, wife of A. H. Dunlap, who lives nine miles west of Liberal, died Tuesday. She was born March 6, 1868, and died July 18, 1916, aged 48 years, 4 months and 12 days. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday by Rev. Townsend at Rose Valley church and interment was made in that cemetery. She leaves a husband and family to mourn her death.

## NEVER AGAIN, SO HELP US!

A week or two ago we carelessly made a remark in these columns about taking on a few "cold ones." Editor Calvert of the Plains Journal took exception to the aforesaid re-

## MAIL CLERK WILL LOSE LIMB

The people of Liberal will remember the case of W. D. Settle, the mail clerk who was shot while on duty about two years ago, and who was laid up in a hospital here for some time as a result of the same. The following regarding him appeared in Tuesday's Hutchinson News under a Pratt date line:

"W. D. Settle, the mail clerk who was shot while on duty in a mail car between Dalhart, Texas, and Liberal, a year ago last January, has just returned from a hospital at Chicago, Ill., where he was taken soon after the accident. He states that he has at last consented to have his leg removed, after nearly two years of intense suffering in an effort to save it."

"Settle was working in his car when his helper became insanely enraged after a debauch in which whiskey counted, and without warning, shot Settle in the leg, splintering the bone just below the hip. He was first treated at Liberal and later taken to Chicago, and has been there ever since. Soon after, his wife was taken to a tubercular sanitarium in Colorado and there, separated by many hundred miles, these two people have made a brave fight for life against great odds."

"He has often written his chief clerk and others of the railway mail clerks, and each letter has been one full of hope, and filled with a spirit of contentedness that has been a wonder to his co-workers. They have all assisted him in a financial way, and great interest is centered in his unusually sad and lengthy fight for life. He is now in a Kansas City hospital, where the operation will take place to remove the infected limb."

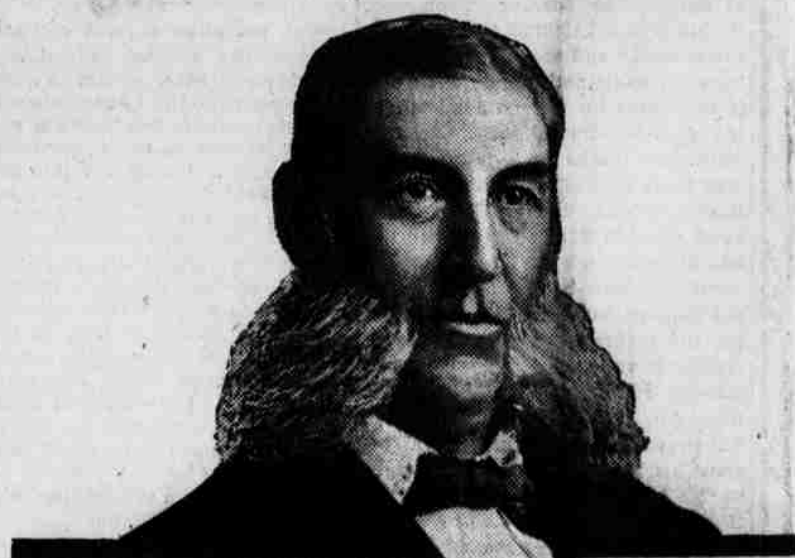
## DUNLAP-JORDON

Matthew W. Dunlap and Miss Hazel Jordan were united in marriage Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jordan, Rev. H. F. Bolton of the Christian church performing the ceremony. Only the family and a few friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony. Light refreshments were served to the guests before they departed. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap need no introduction to the people of Liberal as they are well known to everyone and have many friends in the town. They left Wednesday morning on No. 4 for Chicago and other eastern points, and will return to Liberal in October and establish their home here. The Democrat extends best wishes to the new union.

## FIRE AT GASAWAY FARM

Fire on the C. D. Gasaway farm, five miles north of Liberal, destroyed a barn, granary and 175 bushels of wheat Tuesday afternoon. The roof of the silo standing near the other buildings also caught fire but it was extinguished before much damage was done to that. The Liberal fire wagon made a run out there in hopes of saving the wheat but the damage was done before the apparatus got there.

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